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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER SITE LITIGATION	21 MC 100 (AKH)	
RICARDO ORTIZ AND DANIELLE ORTIZ	DOCKET NO.	
Plaintiffs,		
	CHECK-OFF ("SHORT FORM") COMPLAINT	
	RELATED TO THE	
- against -	MASTER COMPLAINT	
	PLAINTIFF(S) DEMAND A TRIAL BY	
A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL.,	JURY	
SEE ATTACHED RIDER,		
Defendants.		
By Order of the Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein, United States District Judge, dated June 22, 2006, ("the Order"), Amended Master Complaints for all Plaintiffs were filed on August 18, 2006.		
NOTICE	OF ADOPTION	
All headings and paragraphs in the Master C instant Phintiff(s) as if fully set forth herein in add Plaintiff(s), which are listed below. These are marked and specific case information is set forth, as needed, but the set of the se	d with an ' \square '' if applicable to the instant Plaintiff(s),	
Plaintiffs, RICARDO ORTIZ AND DANIEL GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP, com	LE ORTIZ, by his/her/their attorneys WORBY applaining of Defendant(s), respectfully allege:	
I. PAI	RTIES	
A. Plair	NTIFF(S)	

1. citizen of N	✓ Plaintiff, RICARDO lew York residing at P.O. Bo	•	"Injured Plaintiff"), is an individual and a 0517
	C	(OR)	
2.	Alternatively, \square	is the	of Decedent
	, and brings this clain	n in his (her) capacity as	of the Estate of

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3. York residing Plaintiff:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ter the "Derivative Plaintiff"), is a citizen of New 7-, and has the following relationship to the Injured	
Fiamum.	RICARDO ORTIZ, and bring injuries sustained by her husba	herein, is and has been lawfully married to Plaintiff s this derivative action for her (his) loss due to the and (his wife), Plaintiff RICARDO ORTIZ. Other:	
4. Industries as	-	/2005 the Injured Plaintiff worked for Grace	
	Please he as specific as possible when fi	lling in the following dates and locations	
		1	
✓ The Worl	d Trade Center Site	□ The Barge	
Location(s) (i.e., building, quadrant, etc.)	From on or about until;	
From on or a	bout <u>10/10/2001</u> until <u>3/30/2005</u> ;	Approximately hours per day; for Approximately days total.	
	ely <u>12</u> hours per day; for ely <u>180</u> days total.		
========		Other:* For injured plaintiffs who worked at	
	York City Medical Examiner's Office	Non-WTC Site building or location. The injured plaintiff worked at the address/location, for the	
	bout, until, ely hours per day; for	dates alleged, for the hours per day, for the total	
Approximate	ely days total.	days, and for the employer, as specified below:	
	======================================	From on or about;	
From on or a	bout;	Approximately hours per day; for Approximately days total;	
	hours per day; for	Name and Address of Non-WTC Site	
Approximate	ely days total.	Building/Worksite:	
	* *	aper if necessary. If more space is needed to specify ate sheet of paper with the information.	
5.	Injured Plaintiff		
	✓ Was exposed to and breathed rabove;	noxious fumes on all dates, at the site(s) indicated	
	✓ Was exposed to and inhaled or dates at the site(s) indicated above;	ingested toxic substances and particulates on all	
	Was exposed to and absorbed or touched toxic or caustic substances on all dates the site(s) indicated above;		
	✓ Other: Not yet determined.		

6.

Injured	l Plaintiff
V	Has not made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund. Pursuant to \$405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was denied. Pursuant to $\$405(c)(3)(B)(i)$ of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. $\$40101$, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund, that was subsequently withdrawn by Ground-Zero Plaintiff. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was granted. Pursuant to $\$405(c)(3)(B)(i)$ of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. $\$40101$, Ground Zero-Plaintiff has waived her/his right(s) to pursue any further legal action for the injuries identified in said claim.

B. **DEFENDANT(S)**

The following is a list of all Defendant(s) named in the Master Complaint. If checked, all paragraphs pertaining to that Defendant are deemed pleaded herein.

☐ THE CITY OF NEW YORK	☑ A RUSSO WRECKING
☐ A Notice of Claim was timely filed and	☑ ABM INDUSTRIES, INC.
served on and	☑ ABM JANITORIAL NORTHEAST, INC.
pursuant to General Municipal Law §50-	✓ AMEC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT,
	INC.
h the CITY held a hearing on(OR)	☑ AMEC EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
\Box The City has yet to hold a hearing as	☑ ANTHONY CORTESE SPECIALIZED
required by General Municipal Law §50-h	HAULING, LLC, INC.
\square More than thirty days have passed and	☑ ATLANTIC HEYDT CORP
the City has not adjusted the claim	☑ BECHTEL ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL
(OR)	CORPORATION
☐ An Order to Show Cause application to	☑ BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC.
deem Plaintiff's (Plaintiffs') Notice of	☑ BECHTEL CORPORATION
Claim timely filed, or in the alternative to grant	☑ BECHTEL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
Plaintiff(s) leave to file a late Notice of Claim	☑ BERKEL & COMPANY, CONTRACTORS,
Nunc Pro Tunc (for leave to file a late Notice of	INC.
Claim <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i>) has been filed and a	☑ BIG APPLE WRECKING & CONSTRUCTION
determination	CORP
☐ is pending	☐ BOVIS LEND LEASE, INC.
☐ Granting petition was made on	☑ BOVIS LEND LEASE LMB, INC.
☐ Denying petition was made on	☑ BREEZE CARTING CORP
	☑ BREEZE NATIONAL, INC.
☐ PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND	☑ BRER-FOUR TRANSPORTATION CORP.
NEW JERSEY ["PORT AUTHORITY"]	☑ BURO HAPPOLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS,
☐ A Notice of Claim was filed and served	P.C.
pursuant to Chapter 179, §7 of The	☑ C.B. CONTRACTING CORP
Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New	☑ CANRON CONSTRUCTION CORP
York on	☐ CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF
☐ More than sixty days have elapsed since	NEW YORK, INC.
the Notice of Claim was filed, (and)	☑ CORD CONTRACTING CO., INC
the PORT AUTHORITY has	\square CRAIG TEST BORING COMPANY INC.
adjusted this claim	☑ DAKOTA DEMO-TECH
the PORT AUTHORITY has not	☑ DIAMOND POINT EXCAVATING CORP
adjusted this claim.	☑ DIEGO CONSTRUCTION, INC.
	☑ DIVERSIFIED CARTING, INC.
□ 1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	☑ DMT ENTERPRISE, INC.
☐ 1 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ D'ONOFRIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS
☐ 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	CORP
□ 2 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ EAGLE LEASING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
,	✓ EAGLE ONE ROOFING CONTRACTORS INC.
☐ 4 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	☐ EAGLE SCAFFOLDING CO, INC.
☐ 4 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	✓ EJ DAVIES, INC.
☐ 5 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	✓ EN-TECH CORP
☐ 5 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☐ ET ENVIRONMENTAL
☐ 7 WORLD TRADE COMPANY, L.P.	□EVANS ENVIRONMENTAL

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It is very important that you fill out each and every section of this document.

☑ ROBERT L GEROSA, INC

✓ RODAR ENTERPRISES, INC.

☑ ROYAL GM INC.

☑ SAB TRUCKING INC.

✓ SAFEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CORP

☑ SEASONS INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTING

☑ WSP CANTOR SEINUK GROUP ☑ YANNUZZI & SONS INC

✓ YONKERS CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC.

✓ YORK HUNTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC

☑ ZIEGENFUSS DRILLING, INC.

☐ OTHER:

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☐ Non-WTC Site Building Owner	☐ Non-WTC Site Building Managing Agent
Name:	Name:
Business/Service Address:	
Building/Worksite Address:	Building/Worksite Address:
☐ Non-WTC Site Lessee	•
Name:	
Business/Service Address:	
Building/Worksite Address:	

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The Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action is:

Stabil	bunded upon Federal Question Jurisdiction; specification Act of 2001, (or); ☐ Federal Officers J ; ☑ Contested, but you jurisdiction over this action, pursuant to 28 III CAUSES	fur isdi ut the U.S.C	iction, (or); Other (specify): Court has already determined that it has C. § 1441.
of lial law:	Plaintiff(s) seeks damages against the above named defendants based upon the following theories of liability, and asserts each element necessary to establish such a claim under the applicable substantive law:		
V	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law(s) including §§ 200 and 240	V	Common Law Negligence, including allegations of Fraud and Misrepresentation
V	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law 241(6)		 ✓ Air Quality; ✓ Effectiveness of Mask Provided; ☐ Effectiveness of Other Safety Equipment Provided
V	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-a		(specify:); ✓ Other(specify): Not yet determined
V	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-e		Wrongful Death
		V	Loss of Services/Loss of Consortium for Derivative Plaintiff

Other: _

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1. As a direct and proximate result of defendant's culpable actions in the rescue and/or recovery and/or construction, renovation, alteration, demolition and all work performed at the premises, the Injured Plaintiff sustained (including, but not limited to) the following injuries:

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Cancer Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:		Cardiovascular Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:
Respiratory Injury: Respiratory Problems; Shortness of Breath Date of onset: 8/11/2004 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date	✓	Fear of Cancer Date of onset: 8/11/2004 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date
Digestive Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:	V	Other Injury: Sleep Apnea; Sleep Problems; Sleeping Problems Date of onset: 8/11/2004 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date

NOTE: The foregoing is *NOT* an exhaustive list of injuries that may be alleged.

2. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries identified in paragraph "1", above, the Ground Zero-Plaintiff has in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer the following compensable damages:

damages:		
<u></u> -	Pain and suffering	
V	Loss of the enjoyment of life	
V	Loss of earnings and/or impairment of earning capacity	
V	Loss of retirement benefits/diminution of retirement benefits	
V	Expenses for medical care, treatment, and rehabilitation	
✓	Other: ✓ Mental anguish ✓ Disability ✓ Medical monitoring ✓ Other: Not yet determined	

3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries described *supra*, the derivative plaintiff(s), if any, have in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer a loss of the love, society, companionship, services, affection, and support of the plaintiff and such other losses, injuries and damages for which compensation is legally appropriate.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff(s) respectfully pray that the Court enter judgment in his/her/their favor and against defendant(s) for damages, costs of suit and such other, further and different relief as may be just and appropriate.

Plaintiff(s) demands that all issues of fact in this case be tried before a properly empanelled jury.

Dated: New York, New York March 2, 2007

Yours, etc.,

Worby, Groner Edelman & Napoli Bern, LLP

Attorneys for Plaintiff(s), Ricardo Ortiz and Danielle Ortiz

By:

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ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO, an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, affirms under the penalties of

perjury that:

He is the attorney for the plaintiff(s) in the above-entitled action.

That he has read the foregoing SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT and knows

the contents thereof, and upon information and belief, deponent believes

the matters alleged therein to be true.

The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by the

plaintiff(s) is that the plaintiff(s) herein reside(s) in a county other

than the one in which the plaintiff's attorneys maintain their office.

The source of deponent's information and the grounds of his belief

are communication, papers, reports and investigation contained in the

file.

DATED: New York, New York

March 2, 2007

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO

t No: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
RICARDO ORTIZ (AND WIFE, DANIELLE ORTIZ),		
Plaintiff(s)		
- against -		
A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL.,		
Defendant(s).		
SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT		
WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP Attorneys for: Plaintiff(s) Office and Post Office Address, Telephone 115 Broadway - 12th Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-3700		
To Attorney(s) for		
Service of a copy of the within is hereby admitted. Dated,		
Attorney(s) for		
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:		
□ NOTICE OF ENTRY that the within is a (certified) true copy of an duly entered in the office of the clerk of the within named court on20		
That an order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the HON. one of the judges of the within named Court, at on 20 at M. Dated, Yours, etc., WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP		